PRESS RELEASE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE (January 8, 2015)

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS: Please click on the person's name to access a link to a copy of the public documents for these physicians.

Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

Michael K. Johnson, D.O., a 51 year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices family medicine in Indianola, Iowa, completed the terms of a Board order on December 30, 2014. On August 8, 2014, Dr. Johnson entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. The Board charged Dr. Johnson with pre-signing prescriptions and allowing his nurse to fill out the remainder of the prescription blanks on multiple occasions in Indianola, Iowa, between 2008 and 2012. The nurse obtained numerous controlled substances by altering the prescriptions to allow for refills and by calling in prescriptions that were not authorized, for family members and a family friend. The Board issued Dr. Johnson a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty and complete a Board-approved prescribing course and professional ethics program. Dr. Johnson successfully completed the terms of the Settlement Agreement and on December 30, 2014, the Board issued a Termination Order, and his Iowa medical license was returned to its full privileges, free and clear, of all restrictions.

Matthew J. Stottle, M.D., a 34-year-old physician who has practiced anesthesiology and pain management in Omaha, Nebraska, and Chicago, Illinois, was granted a permanent Iowa medical license subject to a Consent Agreement on December 24, 2014. On August 16, 2007, Dr. Stottle was issued a probationary temporary medical license by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (Nebraska Board) following three alcohol related convictions and a diagnosis of alcohol abuse. Dr. Stottle was placed on probation subject to monitoring for alcohol abuse. On February 19, 2008, Dr. Stottle was disciplined by the Nebraska Board for violating the terms of probation when he failed to appear for body fluid screen testing and tested positive for alcohol. The Nebraska Board issued Dr. Stottle a public censure and ordered him to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty. On August 16, 2012, Dr. Stottle successfully completed the terms of probation in Nebraska. On June 20, 2013, Dr. Stottle entered into a Consent Order with the Illinois Division of Professional Regulation (Illinois Board) based on the disciplinary action taken by the Nebraska Board. The Illinois Board granted Dr. Stottle an Illinois medical license and issued him a public reprimand. Under the terms of the December 24, 2014, Consent Agreement, the Iowa Board granted Dr. Stottle a permanent Iowa medical license and issued him a Citation and Warning for being disciplined in Nebraska and Illinois.

When appropriate, disciplinary actions are reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, an electronic repository administered by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration to track adverse license actions.

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS: Consumers can submit complaints against physicians through the Board's Website at www.medicalboard.iowa.gov, by calling (515) 281-5847, or by mail at 400 SW 8th Street, Suite C, Des Moines, IA 50309-4686.